



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.

In the Know

Go Mesquite!

We would like to give a big shout out to Mesquite Elementary School. Recently they were named a 2014 "National Blue Ribbon School" by the U.S. Department of Education. The awards are based on each school's overall academic excellence or progress in improving student academic achievement, and Mesquite School was selected as an "Exemplary High Performing School."



Only four schools in Arizona were nominated for this award. They will be honored alongside 300 other schools from across the nation at a recognition ceremony being held on November 10-11 in Washington D.C.

We here at Ward 4 would like to congratulate the staff, including former principal Katie Dabney, the parents and of course students who attend Mesquite Elementary for all of their hard work. It is truly paying off, which is not only shown through the awards and achievements, but more so through the students. You are truly setting an extraordinary example.

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More than 80% of us do not know our next-door neighbors name. How sad is that, after all they live right next-door to you! Here's a way you can change that. Go to nextdoor.com. Enter your address, email address and then click the button that says "find your neighborhood." From that moment on you are now connected to other residents that live in your neighborhood. You can now get information on; neighborhood public safety issues, community events, lost pets, post that yard sale you are having, or maybe get together and have a little neighborhood block party. Tucson Police Department will also be able to post information such as safety tips and more importantly crime alerts to Nextdoor websites within the city. For example: If there have been burglaries within your neighborhood or surrounding neighborhood, they would be able to inform you as well as give you safety tips on how to stay safe. However they will not be able to access residents' websites, contact information or even content.

If you're interested in getting to know your neighbor and want to know what's happening within your OWN neighborhood, visit nextdoor.com/tucson. If you still have questions about Nextdoor's website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.



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Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

There will be a meeting on Friday, October 10, 2014 at 8am. The meeting will be held at the Double Tree-Reid Park (455 S. Alvernon Way). On the agenda is the Planning for possible 2015 Bond Election - Libraries, Planning for a possible 2015 bond election - Communities Facilities, which the committee will discuss and possibly take action on the following projects: El Pueblo Center Improvements, Yaqui Park Community Center, Picture Rocks Community Center Expansion, South Marana Multi-Generational Center, Quincie Douglas Center Expansion, Clements Senior Center Expansion, UMCA Community Center at the UA Science and Tech Park, Marana Regional Performing Arts Center, and Sahuarita Food Bank and Multi-Agency Community Service Facility.

Pink & Purple

The month of October can mean a lot of things, fall, leaves changing (not necessarily here, but somewhere they are), and pumpkins become available at your local grocery store. You will also notice the abundance of Halloween candy out including candy corn that now comes in a variety of flavors. Yum! But that's not the important thing, as noticing all the little pink ribbons being displayed, as well as tshirts, socks, hats, etc. This is because October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. That's right the month that reminds you to get that mammogram you have been pushing back. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. Yes, it's scary, but here is the good news, many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram can help find breast cancer early. If you are 40-49 years old, talk with your doctor and ask them when you should start getting screened. If you have a family history of breast cancer, you should start at an early age for screening. Also, remember to do your monthly self-examination. Then, talk with all your friends about the importance of screenings as well and offer encouragement and support. No one particularly enjoys the test, but early detection can save your life. You can also help by supporting organizations that raise money for breast cancer research. The American Cancer Society has an annual event called, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. It's a 3 or 1 mile walk helps raise funds for research. You can walk as a team, get your company involved or sign up as an individual. The walk is on Sunday, October 12. You can register online or on the day of the event. Here's a link to the event

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCCY14GW?pg=entry&fr_id=62639. Now let's save those Ta Ta's!

Now let's talk purple. October is not only Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but it's also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One in 4 women will experience abuse in her lifetime and every three days in Arizona, someone dies as a result from domestic violence, EVERY 3 DAYS! That is a shocking statistic! But here's how we can change that. First, generate conversation about the issue of domestic abuse. Secondly, you can help by donating, having a community fundraiser, volunteer, and most of all spreading the word and educating those around you. Learn how to spot the signs, how to respond, and what not to do if you witness abuse or if you think you know someone who is experiencing abuse.

Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse (<http://www.emergecenter.org/>) is a great resource to get information on domestic violence. You can also call their 24-hour hotline at 520-795-4266 or their toll-free at 888-428-0101. If you are in a dangerous or life-threatening situation, always call 911. Share your support by wearing purple on October 17, and visit paintpimapurple.org for more events to partake in.



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* Three F-16 Fighting Falcons from the Arizona Air National Guard are scheduled for October 10-17, conducting training throughout southern Arizona region and into New Mexico.

* Six KC - 130J Super Hercules' from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar are scheduled for October 14-24, conducting training through the southern Arizona region.

* Two KC -130s from Marine Forces Reserve out of New York are scheduled for October 20-24, participating in training with the 563rd Rescue Group. During their visits, the pilots will adhere to all Davis-Monthan arrival and departure procedures and noise abatement procedures.

Medicare Enrollment



Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (OEP) will be taking place very soon. This is an opportunity for you to review your current coverage and change your plan if you decide to do so. You can change your Part D plan, Medicare Advantage plan, or switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage or vice versa and etc. You can compare plans by going to medicare.gov and choosing "find health and drug plans." You will have to enter your zip code or enter your Medicare information. By entering your information it will allow you to compare your current plan to other plans that will be offered in 2015.

If you feel you would like more information on the Medicare plans, then sign up for one of the Medicare Update Conferences offered through Pima Council on Aging. They will provide spreadsheets showing plans that will be offered in Pima County in 2015, Medicare supplement books and many other resources. You can visit their website <https://www.pcoa.org/services/medicare/> or call 546-2011. Opening enrollment opens October 15th and closes December 7th. The new plans become effective January, 2015.

TCB Loves Trees

TEP and TRICO are offering a new crop of shade trees. There are a few qualifications for this great deal. You must agree to plant trees within 15' from the house, on the east, west or south sides, no north side planting. Owners of homes built in 1980 or later may receive up to two trees each calendar year. Homes built in 1979 or before may receive up to four trees per calendar year, congrats that's a lot of trees!



If you are interested in purchasing a tree, you can submit a form online or by mail, by October 31. Here's the best part, a tree will only cost you \$8.00. Yes, that is a smoking deal! If you would like more information on which types of trees are available or to fill out your application, go to treesfortucson.org.

Now, let's just say you have enough trees in your own yard, but what about for your nearby school or that community organization you belong to? Tucson Clean & Beautiful has trees for them as well! Have the school principal or site manager contact TCB and they will work with them to plant beautiful new shade trees. They can be reached at 837-6833 or email them at tft@treesfortucson.org. Image what a beautiful landscape we could paint with all these trees!

If you like this organization and what it has to offer, volunteer with them. They do a lot of great events, and have great programs that help with the overall beauty of Tucson and surrounding area. You can find more info about who they are and their programs by visiting <http://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/>.



Light the Night

Riding your bike at night without a headlight and rear reflector can cost you between \$105 and \$185 in fines. Yozer! It can also cost you a whole lot more especially if you are riding on a road with no street lights. It is extremely difficult for drivers to see bicyclists who are not using a headlight, even in well lighted areas. So always be cautious and careful.

Here's the good news. The City of Tucson Bicycle and Pedestrian Program along with Living Streets Alliance and Pima Association of Governments got together to offer you FREE bike lights. If you don't have bike lights for your bike or child's bike, then ride (you can walk or drive if you prefer) over to the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street on Tuesday, October 14th, at 5pm, to get a set of FREE bike lights. They are FRRREEEE, so no reason not to have them on your bike and as always, make sure to wear your helmet!

So Long Superstar

Jim Conroy has been working with the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department for 30 years! Yes that is a long time! He recently announced his retirement, but at the same time has taken a job to be the Director of the Recreation & Leisure Services Department in Green Valley. We are saddened to see him leave the city, but we are happy for him and wish him all the best in Green Valley. They are truly getting a gem!



1. What is your favorite park in the city and why?

Probably Reid Park, because it is so diverse in the different populations it serves. It is truly a small city in itself and in many ways the center of our community. From U of A Baseball at Hi Corbett Stadium, Tucson Zoo, Rose Garden, Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center, Cancer Plaza, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, Reid Park 3 mile walking loop and 32 picnic ramada's. This extraordinary park serves as the home venue for a Division I Baseball program, numerous charity walks and countless community gatherings as well as a great back yard for many families who are in need of one. Reid Park is an amazing!

2. What has been your greatest accomplishment?

I'm not sure if you would describe it as a greatest accomplishment. Although of the reason I was fortunate to be involved in many successful programs and events; was due to the partnerships and collaborations I was able to establish throughout my career with a very diverse group of organizations, consultants and stakeholders i.e. Pima County staff, other City of Tucson Departments, Tucson Audubon, University of Arizona Athletic Dept., Pima College, TUSD, Sunnyside School District to name a few. I think it is the relationships I have established and strengthened over the years that have allowed me to better serve the areas I have been responsible for overseeing.

3. If you put all the parks you worked on, how many miles would that be?

I'm not sure.....

4. What has been your most unique experience?

I've had the opportunity to be involved in many unique programs and events as well as the design, construction and opening of many special park and recreation facilities. Although this is not a business that you have individual accomplishments, you always achieve as a "Team". One of



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Mayor and Council will be back in action on Thursday, October 9th. Here is a little of what will be coming up.

Study Session – 2pm:

- *Approval of Preferred General Alignment for Broadway Boulevard – Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road Improvement Project and Request to RTA for Funding.

- * Adoption of Community Cat Program and Implementation of County Grant.

- * Update on the Alarm Ordinance: Administration and Revenues.

Regular Session - 5:30pm

- * Integrated Planning: Adopting the Development Impact Fee Rates and Fee Reports for Streets, Parks and Recreation, Police and Fire.

- *Real Property: Acquisition of Rights of Way for the Broadway Boulevard-Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road Improvement Project.

To see the full agenda, view the City Clerks webpage at <http://clerks.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>. Want to watch the live stream, visit tucson12.tv.

the highlights of my career was to be part of the "Tucson Team" that hosted the 1997 National Senior Olympics. Tucson Parks & Recreation Department was the lead organization coordinating this national event. We organized every aspect of this national athletic event for over 10,000 senior athletes, it was a great experience.

5. What are your hopes for the City of Tucson?

The city has been through some challenging times the last few years, with significant budget cuts. My hope is that the City Of Tucson will start to stabilize financially and be able to fund the resources needed to best serve our community.

Coming Up...

Tucson Meet Yourself

Oct 10-12, various times, El Presidio Park - Jacome Plaza

Enjoy this three-day festival full of artisans, home cooks, dancers, musicians and special exhibits. This family event is free to the public. For more information on Tucson Meet Yourself, visit www.tucsonmeetyourself.org.

Howl-O-Ween at Reid Park Zoo

Oct 24 - 26, 6pm-8pm, Reid Park

The Reid Park Zoo's family-friendly Halloween event offers less "boo" and more "zoo" to provide the entire family with an enjoyable, but not too frightening, celebration. Enjoy costumed characters and decorations galore as you stroll down the paths of the Zoo. Zoo Members enter a half hour earlier than general admission. Admission is \$7.00 for ages 2 and up, \$5.00 for Zoo Members and children under 2 are free.

Night of Fright

Sat, Oct 24, 5pm-9pm, Pima Air & Space Museum

A safe and family-friendly Halloween event as Flight Central Hangar takes on a look of its own with spider webs and ghosts taking to the Hangar skies. Bring your aviator goblins out to participate in old-fashioned carnival games, a costume contest and much more during this fun filled Halloween event. Admission: \$10 for adults, 12 years and under free, members are free.

Halloween BOO Bash

Sat, Oct 25, 4pm-8pm, William Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Dr.

Come to this family fun City of Tucson event. There will be a haunted house, costume contest, face painting, games, entertainment, inflatables, hay rides and food vendors. \$3/person and children under 3 are free!

In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.

